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**TO: LME Directors**  
**FROM: Leza Wainwright**   
**RE: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related  
Admissions in Community Emergency Departments, Third Quarter SFY 2007-08**

Enclosed please find the third quarterly report of the *Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related Admissions in Community Emergency Departments Report, 2007-08*. The present report is in response to G.S. 122C-147.1. Section 10.49(r) "The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a system for reporting to LMEs aggregate information regarding all visits to community hospital emergency departments due to a mental illness, a developmental disability, or a substance abuse disorder. The report shall be submitted on a quarterly basis beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal years." The report covers information for the third quarter of SFY 2008.

The data presented in this report has been collected through the North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT). The system was created by the North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) in 2004 to address the need for early detection and timely public health surveillance in North Carolina using a variety of secondary data sources. As of April 30, 2008, there are 110 hospitals reporting production level data to the NC DETECT system.

In addition to updating the graphs and tables from the second quarter report, the present report includes a table (Table 3) showing the counts and associated rates of emergency department admissions for all behavioral health diagnoses, including developmental disabilities at the county level.

If you have any questions on the data presented in this report, please send them via electronic mail to [ContactDMHQuality@ncmail.net](mailto:ContactDMHQuality@ncmail.net)

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